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Main Entry: **2ro·tate**

Pronunciation: 'rō-''tāt, especially British rō-'

Function: *verb*

Inflected Form(s): **ro·tat·ed; ro·tat·ing**

Etymology: Latin *rotatus*, past participle of *rotare*, from *rota* wheel -- more at ROLL

intransitive verb

1 **a** : to perform an act, function, or operation in turn **b** : to pass or alternate in a series

2 : to turn about an axis or a center : REVOLVE; especially : to move in such a way that all particles follow circles with a common angular velocity about a common axis

transitive verb

1 **a** : to cause to turn or move about an axis or a center **b** : to cause (a plane region or line) to sweep out a volume or surface by moving around an axis so that each of its points remains at a constant distance from the axis <generate a torus by rotating a circle about an external line>

2 : to cause to grow in rotation <*rotate* crops>

3 : to cause to pass or act in a series : ALTERNATE

4 : to exchange (individuals or units) with others

- **ro·tat·able** /'rō-''tā-t&-b&l also rō-'/ *adjective*



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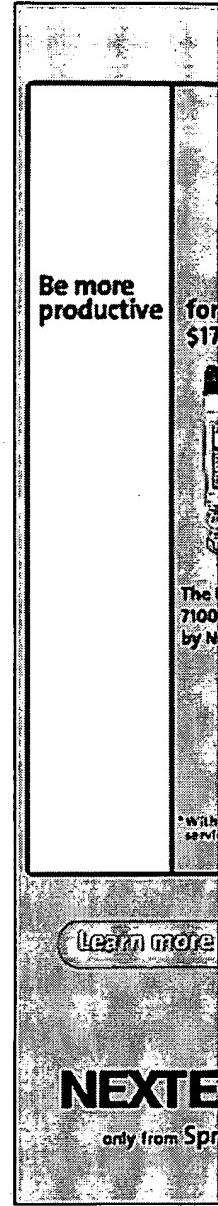
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